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Subject: Re: Military Grant Question - Timeliness

Larry, you are correct. The Division does not have the authority to accept the late-filed application from Major Weis. If he is within the application period for his 2003-2004 service, then that can be acted on, but not the 2002-2003 service. You may want to respond to the Major that only the Board members can grant his request by amendment of the policy. Perhaps he will forward his request to the Chairman.

Suzanne

>>> Larry Davis 8/4/2004 11:18:02 AM >>>

We have received a Military Personnel Grant application from Major Richard A. Weis (of the 174th Judge Advocate Detachment, Army Reserve Center, 222 Ausley Road, Tallahassee, FL 32304) that requests waiver of the June 30, 2004 time limitation for his service from November 11, 2002 through September 30, 2003.

Major Weis says he didn't learn of the grant until he received the letter we generate for local veterans following receipt of DD Forms 214 from Department of Defense sources. While he was deployed, Major Weis' wife remained here locally and was exposed to the television, radio, newspaper, veteran service organization mailings, and Internet information about the grant. Additionally, we communicated with a number of Army Reserve personnel at the Ausley Road facility, including briefings to the assembled Reservists.

I recommend that we fund the portion of Major Weis' deployed service from October 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004, but not for his service from November 11, 2002 through September 30, 2003. The submission window for service earlier than October 1, 2003 was artificially expanded in the policy to June 30, 2004 (a 6-month extension) in order "...to enable participation by those currently on active duty in a current military conflict." According to the policy, the window for payment of the October 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 period of service starts October 1, 2004 and concludes December 31, 2004.

Copy of Major Weis' grant application package and Policy Number 03-18 is enroute via interoffice mail.

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